## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

**WHEREAS,** our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry, who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS,** the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS,** Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation, to remind the public about the critical role of our community's local code officials who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS,** Building Safety Month encourages awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry and encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** in observance of Building Safety Month, consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and acknowledge the essential service provided to us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of the City of Medford, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as

## **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

Randy Sparacino Mayor of Medford